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FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7911
INFO USDOC WASHDC
AMEMBASSY ATHENS
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ROME FOR RCAA DWOR

ATHENS FOR RTDO

E.O. 11652: NA
TAGS: EAIR LE
SUBJ: PAN AM PLANS FOR LEBANON

1. DAMASCUS-BASED PAN AM REP WILLIAM HAMAD INFORMED
EMBOFF MAY 8 THAT PAN AM STILL CONSIDERING POSSIBLE
RENEWAL OF SERVICE TO BEIRUT OCTOBER 1 WHEN
AUTUMN SCHEDULES GO INTO EFFECT. ALL PREPARATIONS
INCLUDING LOCAL PROMOTIONAL ADVERTISING HAD BEEN MADE
FOR SERVICE RENEWAL APRIL 1, BUT TREND OF EVENTS
IN MARCH HAD FORCED POSTPONEMENT.

2. SERVICE PLANNED IS THREE 747 FLIGHTS WEEKLY
NEW YORK - ROME - BEIRUT - TEHERAN - KARACHI
AND RETURN. SCHEDULE WOULD ALLOW PAN AM TO FEED ITS
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ROUND-THE-WORLD FLIGHT IN TEHERAN VIA THIS SERVICE.

3. HAMAD ALSO CONFIRMED PAN AM'S DECISION TO
SUSPEND SERVICE TO DAMASCUS. SARG INFORMED OF
SUSPENSION LAST WEEK AND HAMAD WONDERS WHAT
REACTION WILL BE. PAN AM NEEDS OVERFLIGHT
RIGHTS FROM SARG FOR 10 FLIGHTS PER WEEK. IF SARG

DENIES RIGHTS, WHICH HAMAD SAID IT LEGALLY CAN IF PAN
AM DOES NOT LAND 25 PERCENT OF FLIGHTS ON SYRIAN
SOIL, PAN AM WILL BE ASKING FOR DIPLOMATIC HELP.

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